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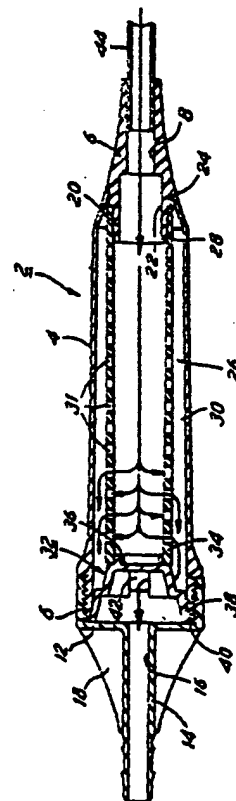
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54 **Solid matter filter for a surgical suction service.**

57 A surgical suction tip comprises a tubular body portion (2) with a hollow tip portion (8) at one end communicating into the body portion (2), and a cap portion (12) releasably closing the other end, a tubular connecting portion (14) mounted externally on the cap portion (12) communicating through a cap portion (12) into the body portion (2). A hollow filter member (26) within the body portion (2) defines an annular chamber (30) between the filter member (26) and the body portion (2) and communicating with the tubular connecting portion (14) through the cap portion (12), a plurality of apertures (31) in the filter member (26) connecting the interior of the filter member (26) with said annular chamber (30). The body portion (2) has locating means (20) thereon locating one end of the filter member (26) within the body portion (2), while the other end of the filter member (26) is closed. Waste material flows from the tip portion (8) into the hollow interior of the filter member (26) and thence to the annular chamber (30) and to the tubular connecting portion (14).



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